ia far, out of the Special Central Assistance under the MADA programmes is 18,068.

IMnking water projects jn Uttar Pradesh

81. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Wi'l the Minister of AGRICULTURE b_e pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects undertaken or likely to be undertaken by the Central Government to solve the problem of drinking water in villages of Uttar Pradesh and what ^{are} ^{tne} details of the expenditure likely t_0 be incurred on each project;

(b) by when these projects are likely to start functioning; and

(c) what are the main difficulties, it any, in the implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: (a) to (c) Provision of drinking water supply is the responsibility of the State Governments. Schemes for supply of drinking water in villages are formulated and implemented by the States under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government is only assisting the Stales in this effect by IKoviding assistance under Accelerated Sural Water Supply Programme.

During the Seventh Plan the State Govt. las an outlay of Rs. 175.00 crores under MNP. Central assistance under ARWSP amounting to Rs- 46.06 crores has been released to the State in 1985-86. The allocation for 1986-87 is Rs. 46.15 crores out of which Rs. 20.86 crores has already been released. The Central Government has approved 8590 schemes for providing drinking water to 9328 villages at an estimated cost of Rs. 69.51 crores to be taken up during the Seventh Plan period.

Programme Ior Welfare of Scheduled Castes-Scueduled Tribes

82. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE

Ca) wh:!her it is a fact that Government have drawn up a comprehensive programme for the welfare of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c> whether the programme differs fron* the eariier programmes for the welfare of j Scheduled Cas!es|Scheduled Tribes, if so, what respect; and

(d) the extent to wheh the social and economic conditions of the SC|ST are likely to improve a 1 a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

For the development of Scheduled Cast-'.., a new strategy was evolved and implemented during Sixth Five Year Plan. It is a combination of the three instruments, viz. (i) the Special Component Plans of the States amd Cemtral Ministries (SCP); (ii) the Special,Central Assistance (SCA); (iii) Scheduled Caste Development Corporations in the States (SCDP) . The Special Component Plan i_s designated to channelise the flow of benefits and outlays from the general sectors in the Plans of the States and Central Ministries for development of Scheduled $Caste_3$ both in physical and financial terms. These Plans are envisaged to help the poor Scheduled Caste families belonging to all the major occupational groups among them through composite income generating programmes, to imiptwre their living conditions by providing infrastructural development in their basties, s«cfc as drinking water supply, link roads etc. and to take up special programmes for the welfare of vulnerable groups among them such as. sweepers and scavengers, bonded labourers, nomadic|semi-nomadic and denotified tribes among them. The participation of the non-governmental 70-